--- RC-396 - 20 Cigarettes - Tall Format - “Benson and Hedges” [8-10D] - 1959-65 ---

The earliest listed cancellations from “Benson & Hedges” are from 1959, and to date show multiple mimeographed 3 mm. typewritten elite impressions in ***red*** or ***light blue*** ink using the letters from **A** to **L** to indicate the month, followed by a single number for the year.

By December 1959 they had settled on a thin mimeographed Gothic 5 mm. cancellation. Twin letter impressions occur, sprinkled throughout the cancellations, which may represent production from the second-half of the month, or may be just a stencil typing variation.

★**RC-396** - 20 cigarettes, imperf, with a 5 mm. Gothic mimeograph,
KK 0 / 8-10D by “Benson & Hedges” in November 1960

--- the cancellation reads horizontally upright - 3 copies to date ---

[★RC-396]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1959	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1960	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**KK 0**	---
1961	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1962	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1963	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**J 3**	---	---
1964	---	---	**C 4**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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